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DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction and/or election of species dated January 24, 2002, and having a one-month shortened statutory period for response.

February 24, 2002, being a Sunday, the one-month shortened statutory period for response will expire on February 25, 2002. This response is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response set in the Examiner's requirement for restriction and/or election of species dated January 24, 2002. Accordingly, no additional fees are believed to be required. In the event that an additional fee is required with respect to this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Paul & Paul Deposit Account No. 16-0750.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

The applicant hereby elects with traverse **Specie 1 of Group I, illustrated in Fig. 2**. Currently, **claims 1, 12-14, and 19** read on the specie of Fig. 2. As the Examiner has noted, claim 1 is generic with respect to the various species of Group I. The traversal is on the grounds that the examiner has not demonstrated that examining all the claims together would impose an undue burden on the examiner by virtue of separate classification and that examining all the claims together would be more efficient in that the overall time period during which the various claims are pending will be reduced.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: February 25, 2002

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COVER LETTER

Sir:

Enclosed with and attached hereto are the following:

- 1) This cover letter in triplicate;
- 2) Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages);
- 3) Preliminary amendment (8 pages); and
- 4) Postcard to be date-stamped by PTO & returned to Paul & Paul.

No additional fees are believed to be required. In the event that an additional fee is required with respect to this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Paul & Paul Deposit Account No. 16-0750. This cover letter is submitted in triplicate.

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